
State Water Resources Control Board

January 10, 2013

Interested Parties, Agricultural Order (R3-2012-0011)

NOMINATIONS FOR TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURAL ORDER (R3-2012-0011)

Dear Interested Parties,

The State Board Office of Public Participation (OPP) is soliciting nominations for participants to serve on a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on behalf of the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board). The TAC will review water quality projects pursuant to the Agricultural Order (Order) (Condition 11, p. 14). The Order (R3#-2012-0011) and other Agricultural Program information can be found on Central Coast Water Board's web page at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/index.shtml

The Order provides the opportunity for growers to form third party groups to develop and implement alternative water quality management practices, cooperative monitoring and reporting programs, water quality improvement projects, or a combination of these to comply with the Order. The Order requires that these alternative efforts be reviewed and evaluated by a TAC for specific elements and that the TAC make recommendations to the Executive Officer regarding approval of the projects.

OPP and the Central Coast Water Board are planning on using the Center for Collaborative Policy (CCP) to assist in providing initial facilitation services. The Central Coast Water Board will provide additional resources for facilitation and logistical support for the duration of the TAC. Participants must be willing to 1) meet a few to several times a year, potentially in different parts of the region, 2) read and comment on written proposals, 3) serve voluntarily for at least three years (until October 2015), (without compensation).

Purpose of the Technical Advisory Committee

The main purpose of the committee will be to review and recommend proposed projects, as described above, to the Executive Officer. In addition, the committee may also encourage and

advise on project ideas and proposals so that the committee's expertise and efforts are leveraged to help develop acceptable and effective water quality improvement projects.

Participants

The Order specifically requires the committee to be comprised of the following participants:

- Two researchers or academics skilled in agricultural practices and/or water quality;
- One farm advisor (e.g., from Natural Resources Conservation Service or Resource Conservation District);
- One grower representative;
- One environmental representative;
- One environmental justice or environmental health representative; and
- One regional board staff person.

Selection Criteria

The Central Coast Water Board is looking for nominees who fit the categories above. In addition, the Central Coast Water Board will consider participants who have expertise, experience and qualifications in the following areas:

- Technical knowledge and experience with wetland and related pollution treatment technologies (e.g., bioreactors), pollution removal, water quality improvement, performance measurement and indicators, water quality impacts from irrigated agriculture;
- Previous active participation in multi-interest groups, collaborative efforts, facilitated meetings and processes;
- Farm water quality practice/project implementation- grower outreach, soliciting and securing grower participation, project planning and management, project performance measurement;
- Broad perspective and representation of different types of stakeholders in each group (e.g., for growers, can represent different crops, all three Tiers per the Agricultural Order); or
- Currently recognized as leader in one of the areas above.

Selection Process

If you would like to be considered for one of the positions on the Technical Advisory Committee, please fill out the attached form and send it with a statement of qualifications and two letters of support by Feb. 8, 2013 to:

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State Water Resources Control Board
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Sacramento, CA 95814

OR

Gita.Kapahi@waterboards.ca.gov

NOTE: If submitting electronically, include "Region 3 Agricultural Order TAC Nomination" as the subject of your email.

Nomination forms will be reviewed by OPP and CCP and nominees will be evaluated for consistency with the representation, experience and qualifications explained above. OPP and

CCP will invite qualified nominees to participate on the Technical Advisory Committee by March 15, 2013.

Central Coast Water Board staff solicited input from key stakeholders on the process for establishing the Technical Advisory Committee, the purpose of the committee, and potential participants. State Board and Central Coast Water Board staff also modeled the process to establish this Technical Advisory Committee after other similar efforts to establish State Water Resources Control Board and other agency TACs.

If you have questions about the formation of the Technical Advisory Committee, please contact Marie Hoffman at (916) 341 5908 or Marie.Hoffman@waterboards.ca.gov

Sincerely,

//Original Signed by//
Gita Kapahi
Director, Office of Public Participation

Attachment

NOMINATION FORM- Due on February 8, 2013

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FOR AGRICULTURAL ORDER (R3-2012-0011)

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Check the position you are interested in:

- ___ Researcher or academic
- ___ Farm advisor
- ___ Grower representative
- ___ Environmental representative
- ___ Environmental justice/health representative

Check the experience, knowledge and skills you have:

- ___ Technical knowledge and experience with wetland and related pollution treatment technologies (e.g., bioreactors), pollution removal and water quality improvement/performance measurement and indicators, water quality impacts from irrigated agriculture
- ___ Previous participation in multi-interest groups, collaborative efforts, facilitated meetings and processes
- ___ Farm water quality practice/project implementation- grower outreach, soliciting and securing grower participation, project planning and management, project performance measurement
- ___ Willingness and time to 1) meet a few to several times a year, potentially in different parts of the region and 2) read and comment on written proposals

Please attach a statement of qualifications, two letters of support, and any other information you would like to provide